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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRINCE
AHMAD UPON ARRIVAL JIDDA

1. MR. ROCKEFELLER:

QUOTE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, I COME AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONVEY TO
YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES
AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE TRAGIC PASSING OF KING
FAYSAL, AND TO REAFFIRM THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI
ARABIA.

QUOTE AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, KING
FAYSAL'S WISE COUNSEL HAS BEEN VALUED AND CHERISHED BY OUR
HIGHEST OFFICIALS OVER THE YEARS. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
STRENGTHENING THE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES WAS GREAT AND SHALL BE A LASTING MONUMENT
TO OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

QUOTE HIS STATURE AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN OF MOD-
ERATION AND REASON GAINED HIM THE RESPECT OF THE WORLD
COMMUNITY WHO RECOGNIZED THE BENFITS OF HIS INFLUENCE IN
THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED EXCELLENT RELATIONS
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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HIS ROYAL MAJESTY KING KHALID.

QUOTE THE GRIEF AND SORROW WHICH YOU FEEL IN THIS UNTIMELY LOSS WE ALSO SHARE.

QUOTE I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD OUR COMMITMENT TO PURSUE THE COURSE OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO CONTINUE TO DEEPEN AND WIDEN OUR CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP. UNQUOTE.

2. PRINCE AHMAD:

QUOTE I APPRECIATE YOUR COMING, SIR, IN THE NAME OF H.M. KING KHALID AND IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR COMING AND SHARING WITH US OUR SORROW. THE LOSS OF THIS GREAT MAN IS NOT ONLY TO SAUDI ARABIA BUT ALSO TO THE WORLD, I THINK, BECAUSE HE REALLY WORKED VERY HARD FOR PEACE.

QUOTE WE THANK VERY MUCH PRESIDENT FORD AND ALL OUR FRIENDS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HOPING ALWAYS TO CARRY ON AND TO CONTINUE GOOD FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF ALL THE WORLD. UNQUOTE.

3. MR. ROCKEFELLER

QUOTE I KNOW THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORDS YOU HAVE JUST SPOKEN AND THAT HE SHARES OUR SENTIMENTS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE CONTINUATION AND DEEPENING OF THIS RELATIONSHIP.
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